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2. (Confidential - JMM) Attempted to see Senator John Stennis to discuss with him our problems with Senator Ervin regarding the publication of a sanitized version of the transcript of the Director's testimony before Senator Ervin's Subcommittee on Constitutional Rights regarding S. 782. Senator Stennis said he was completely preoccupied with some urgent matters and unless our problem was urgent, he would like me to take it up with Mr. Braswell, Chief of Staff, Senate Armed Services Committee.

I talked with Mr. Braswell explaining to him our reasons for opposing publication. He said he was sure Senator Stennis would agree with our position but doubted Stennis would intervene directly with Senator Ervin. He said he would take the matter up with Stennis at the first opportunity, probably late this evening when he expected to see him for a few minutes, but could only advise us to stand firm in opposing publication of any version of the briefing.

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3. (Secret - JMM) Met with Bill Woodruff, Senate Appropriations Committee staff, and explained the above problem with Senator Ervin. Woodruff thought it unlikely that Senator Eastland would give us a hearing before the full Judiciary Committee and suggested we try to persuade Senators Eastland and McClellan and any other sympathetic members of the Committee to press for an exemption before reporting out the bill.

Woodruff seemed concerned about the Safeguard matter which he predicted might turn on a single vote.

Woodruff also expressed grave concern over SALT talks with the Soviets, remarking that in his view any agreement excluding on-sight inspection would be "disastrous." However, he said "the Fulbright crowd is riding high" and anything can happen.

I briefed Woodruff on the Sino-Soviet and Middle East situations.

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5. (Confidential - JGO) Met with Mr. Clifford Gaucher, Administrative Assistant to Representative Philip Philbin (D., Mass.), and discussed briefly

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